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Once upon a time there was a crimefighter known as...

THE SPIRIT

By Will Eisner

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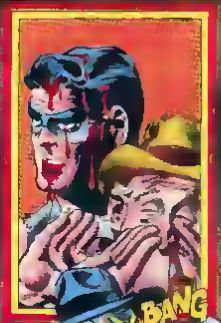
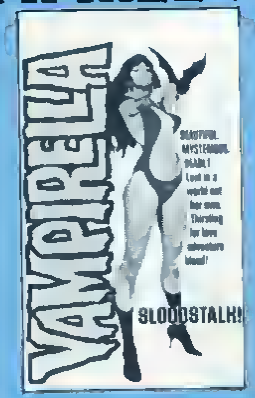
Badmen did not like him... and found him very difficult to kill!



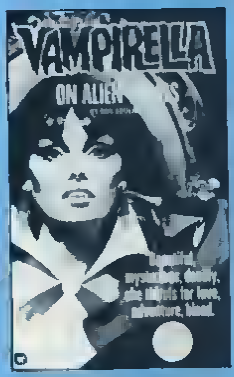
Until that one fateful day when...

Central City was plunged into its worst crime wave
Until a new hero vaulted forth to battle the evil!

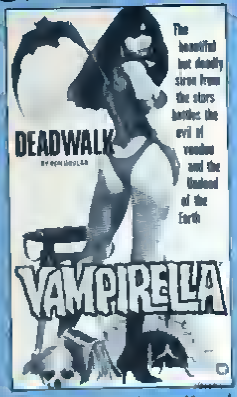
VAMPIRELLA PAPERBACK NOVELS!



BLOODSTALK recreates the spectacular origin of **VAMPIRELLA**! A refugee in a returning explorer rocket whished from her dying planet where blood flowed in rivers, **VAMPIRELLA** must learn to kill — or adapt — or die! Surrounded by powerful enemies like the Cult of the mad god Chaos, she avoids the blind vampire slayer Conrad Van Helsing. Befriended by his son Adam and by the magician Pendragon, she pits herself against the evil Cult of Chaos and helplessly stakes her ever present thirst for human blood! #21194/$1.25



ON ALIEN WINGS takes **VAMPIRELLA** to a secluded Hollywood estate where the owner has devised a formula for immortality — involving a blood starved **VAMPIRELLA**! On the Hollywood estate on a fiendish Caribbean cruise — on a desert island she and Pendragon are hounded by threats of evil the demonically macabre, the Cult of Chaos! Pursued incessantly by Conrad Van Helsing who must fight the growing attraction of his son for the beautiful murderous alien she must bow to her fate — or conquer all! #21196/$1.25


The beautiful but deadly siren from the stars battles the evil of voodoo and the undead of the Earth
DEADWALK
VAMPIRELLA

DEADWALK brings voodoo, zombies and human sacrifice into direct conflict with **VAMPIRELLA**'s vow to fight the evil Cult of Chaos. Dread forces conspire to destroy Pendragon and capture **VAMPIRELLA** — the perfect candidate for human sacrifice by the dastardly Papa Jambee and his zombies. The glitter filled world of rock seems an unlikely haven for the walking dead but to **VAMPIRELLA**'s dismay a zombie stalks the frantic world of rock musicians. Aided by Adam, **VAMPIRELLA** wages battle against Chaos! #21197/$1.25

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VAMPIRELLA
DEATHGAME
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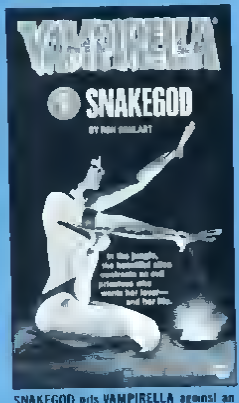
DEATHGAME takes **VAMPIRELLA** to the sun-filled fun filled Riviera where men fascinated by gambling stake their lives on the turn of the wheel. Here **VAMPIRELLA** too falls victim to temptation. The sun lulls her fears. The tapping wakes woman her resolve. Against reason she is lured into a forbidden love with a man she cannot resist — a man whose dangerous connections with the voraciously evil Cult of Chaos can be the undoing of the beautiful deadly vampiress! #21208/$1.25



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OUR COVER
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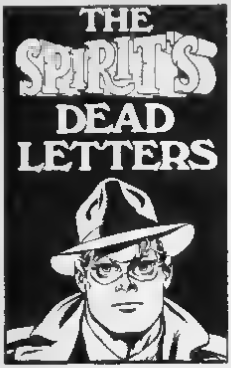

THE SPIRIT is truly one of the best black and white comic magazines in the world today It provides me hours of enjoyable reading

If can also be a great relief and a terrific escape from the problems one encounters during the day I really look forward to each new issue and the time I will spend reading THE SPIRIT!

Will Eisner mixes humor with action and drama and the result is inevitably a magazine chock full of terrifically exciting adventure

I have always looked forward to the color stories but have not seen any recently And I've **missed** them!

THE SPIRIT is different from the ordinary crimefighter hero or superhero He's in a class by himself My only regret in reading his exploits is that I did not do so earlier

MICHAEL SHOUCAIR
Kingston, Jamaica

It you're looking for color stories, Michael check out SPIRIT #16 One of the best Eisner tales yet... In fabuloue, for-real color!

I'd like to inject some criticism here if I may While it's impossible for me to complain about the high quality of stories in THE SPIRIT there is a nit or two to pick about cover art

Why rob us of the chance to see some new **Will Eisner** work to scoop unconnected bits from the stories inside?

BRUCE TOWNLEY
Alexandria, Va

I have long been a fan of **Will Eisner's** whimsical humor art and plot and so I was thrilled by the trilogy of **Dick Whittier** stories in SPIRIT #14 If THE SPIRIT were a television show I would say this was a pilot

Congratulations on an excellent issue which began with a great cover and never stopped

MIKE THOMPSON
Gales Ferry, Conn

The **First Man"** in SPIRIT #14 was a chilling all-too-real example of the American obsession to be on top When competition gives way to irrational behavior, it becomes a destructive rather than healthy motive

SARA FONTAINE
Memphis, Tenn

I read most of the **Warren** magazines that came out in 75 but THE SPIRIT topped them all

Will Eisner's art really gets you into the mood of the story and **Ebony** is great

SPIRIT #13 was one of the best to date

ROBERT RICCI
Hyde Park, Mass.

I would like to say THE SPIRIT is the best comic magazine on the newsstands!

But I would like to see DEAD LETTERS return to a two-page feature

Just one more thing what was the last SPIRIT story and when was it written?

JEFF SCULLEY
Shaumburg, Ill

The last published SPIRIT story was written in 1952, Jeff

But Will Eisner's underground vault contains a number of untinished, never before published SPIRIT pages We'll try to get ahold of them sometime soon!

I have just bought and read SPIRIT #13 As usual fabulous!

I have three suggestions to offer to your mag First off why not start a fan club with badge and card like CREEPY EERIE and VAMPIRELLA

Secondly why not have THE SPIRIT published as paperbacks like the VAMP! series I'd really like to see a prose novel about THE SPIRIT

Third make a SPIRIT movie! **Clint Eastwood** or **Charles Bronson** might make a perfect **SPIRIT**

Long live THE SPIRIT!

CARL NICASTRO
Pottsville, Pa

Thanks for the suggestions, Carl We'll keep them in mind for the future!

The past issues of THE SPIRIT have been excellent The stories where THE SPIRIT does not appear or is not the central figure are especially touching At times, I admit, I cry

DAVID TEW
Ontario, Can

Your SPIRIT magazine is still one of the best on the market and I enjoy it immensely

But I'm writing about the covers Basically you've used 3 styles (1) a drawing (2) a painting or (3) a paste-up Now all three are nice but my personal favorites are the paintings by **Ken Kelly** May we have them more often?

JOHN ROSE
La Crosse, Kan.

The year 1976 THE SPIRIT is still alive and so's **Will Eisner** From time to time a new SPIRIT story is published

What should the conventions be for THE SPIRIT in his new stories?

Certainly by now THE SPIRIT should have married **Ellen Dolan**. Whether she be called **Mrs** SPIRIT or **Mrs Colt** is not important A few children seem appropriate As children they might be represented by caricatures the way **Eisner** does all children

Ebony White should be an adult and be it noted no longer a caricature His training is specific He has to be a detective possibly a police detective possibly private In either case a natural successor for THE SPIRIT

Commissioner Dolan should be old perhaps retired While it might be unusual for a man to remain in office so long it's not unthinkable Or maybe **Klink** has the post by now

But although it makes interesting speculation there is no real reason to bring THE SPIRIT up to date **Will Eisner** indeed has more than sufficient skill to make comics from the forties take root in the seventies

On second thought forget the update THE SPIRIT is fine just like he is

MICHAEL TIERSTEIN
Brooklyn N Y

I've always hated reruns of almost everything It's just that I like the idea of being a part of something when it first happens With THE SPIRIT I find myself baffled

Will Eisner is a genius and his stories are the kind of graphic storytelling that need to be told and retold again and again and again ! Absolutely remarkable!

JOHN SUBOTICI
Irvington, N J

I have some suggestions concerning THE SPIRIT my favorite black and white comic They are as follows

Bring back the color story

Please return to putting new **Will Eisner** work on the covers The montages are okay and the **Eisner/Kelly** paintings are very good But I especially like the ink drawing/paintings of previous issues

Have **Eisner** do text pages like he did for awhile Not necessarily interviews but something Anything

What I would really like to see is some new stories by **Eisner** himself Perhaps THE SPIRIT today like those in the underground **SPIRITS** only with a **plot.**

How much retouching do the originals require? Is this done on the original or on photocopies?

Why are there two distinct lettering styles in the old stories? For example look at the difference between lettering in **The Valentine"** and **The Robbery'** in SPIRIT #13

Whatever happened to the SPIRIT television special that **Jim Steranko** reported in MEDIASCENE?

Why not go monthly?

MIKE CAGLE
Bloomington, Ind

To answer your questions Mike, the retouching of artwork is done in any number of ways If the originals are available . . . and it is appropriate . . . retouching is done on the originals When this would result in a damaged original, or when it is more expedient to use photostats, then stats are used.

- There are, indeed, two lettering styles, Mike THE SPIRIT lettering from 1947 to 1950 was created by Abe Kanegson Later segments were done by assistants, using a slightly different lettering approach

We've heard rumor, too, about THE SPIRIT TV special, Mike, but at present we're not at liberty to discuss it As soon as we are, our readers will hear all the details!

As tor going monthly, Mike, each page of every book is carefully checked, reworked when necessary, then toned . . . and this takes time Will feels that a monthly THE SPIRIT would result in a lower quality book

ENVY THE SPIRIT!

His days are filled with crime fighting. His nights with romance. But every now and then he needs a stiff dose of reality. Let him have it! Write THE SPIRIT!

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SALLY OF THE ISLANDS

THE SPIRIT
YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE SPIRIT? THEN YOU HAD BETTER HEAD WEST TO THE ISLANDS BEYOND THE MARQUESAS... ASK ABOUT SALLY SALLY OF THE ISLANDS... ASK ABOUT THE MASKED STRANGER WHO SHOWED UP ONE HOT EVENING....
IT WAS HARD TO SAY JUST WHERE HE CAME FROM... BUT ON THESE ISLANDS, NO ONE CARES

AND THAT WAS HOW SALLY FIRST MET SMITH ..SIGH.. WELL, ANYHOW .. MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE ISLAND.. ANOTHER MAN WAITED..
EEK! LEMME GO!
MONSTERS ALL OF THEM MONSTERS!
KRAGG KRAGG . LET ME GO .. LET ME GO! I'M OF NO USE TO YOU ANY MORE I'M JUST A FEVER RIDDEN HAG NOW.
SALLY BABY DON'T TALK LIKE THAT I NEED YOU! BESIDES, YOU'RE MY WIFE MAN CAN'T LET HIS WIFE RUN ABOUT THESE DANGEROUS ISLANDS
N NEED ME ..? KRAGG HONEY Y'MEAN IT? Y REALLY MEAN IT?
SNIFF SNIFF
SURE, BABY 'WHO ELSE C'N SWIPE THE ROUTE OF TH' LATEST GOLD SHIPMENT COMIN' IN FROM THE COAST..?
OH
..AND I HAD THE BOYS BRING IN YOUR YOUNG ER RESCUER EVER MEET HIM BEFORE, SALLY? DON'T LIE TO ME..
NO NEVER HONEST HE JUST TRIED TO HELP ME
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER?
SMITH.. WHAT'S YOURS?
KRAGG, SMART ALEC.. KRAGG THE BANDIT!

PUFF
PUFF
PUF
PUF
HA HA HA HA HA HA
SLICK VERY SLICK SMITH, YOU GOT YOURSELF A FRIEND I LIKE YOUR KIND STICK AROUND IT'LL PAY OFF.
I DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND AND AS FOR THE PAYOFF .. WELL IT MIGHT BE WORTH WAITING FOR —
HA HA WHAT A SENSE OF HUMOR ER— GET GOING, SALLY DEAR — THAT ERRAND, Y'KNOW
YES, KRAGG. I'M GOING
AN HOUR LATER... THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION
MRS KRAGG! IF YOU'VE COME TO PLEAD FOR CLEMENCY IN YOUR HUSBAND'S CASE, I'LL NOT
BUT GOVERNOR I MUST TALK TO YOU!
AN HOUR AND TEN MINUTES LATER... THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION...
THERE..THERE... NO MORE TEARS, PLEASE! YOU'VE GONE THROUGH A GREAT ORDEAL .. I'VE MISJUDGED YOU!
OH, GOVERNOR, YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING
NOW... NOW BLOW...
NOW DON'T WORRY, LITTLE GIRL! IF YOU'RE HUSBAND HURTS YOU AGAIN, I'LL HAVE HIM HORSEWHIPPED!
NOW WHERE DID I PUT THOSE SHIPPING ROUTES — ??
ALL THE WAY BACK TO KRAGG'S, SALLY KEPT THINKING OF THE GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFUL HOME, AND HOW NICE IT WOULD BE — TO BE MARRIED TO A MAN LIKE HIM INSTEAD OF KRAGG...
GOOD WORK, BABY .. TOMORROW WE RAID THE SHIPMENT!

THAT NIGHT SHE WANDERED AIMLESSLY AROUND THE GROUNDS OF KRAGG'S ESTATE ...
SUCH A NICE LITTLE GUY, THAT GOVERNOR! A CLEAN, GOOD HOME RICHES ... SOME GIRLS HAVE ALL THAT
BUT NOT ME! EVERYTHING I TOUCH I DESTROY ALL MY LIFE HAS BEEN A A NIGHTMARE HELD TOGETHER BY A HOPE OF A BETTER DAY BUT NOW I KNOW I'VE BEEN WASTING MY DREAMS ...
THERE IS NO HOPE ... NO DREAMS ONLY ESCAPE
THERE WAS A SLIGHT WIND, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DISTURB THE SOLITUDE OF EVENING THE NIGHT WAS QUIET
BANG
WHY DID YOU STOP ME? I WANT TO DIE! WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME?
LUCKY FOR YOU I DID SALLY, YOU'RE NOT KRAGG'S KIND. WHY DO YOU KEEP HELPING HIM? WHY DID YOU TRY TO DO AWAY WITH YOURSELF? YOU LOVE HIM THAT MUCH?
I HATE HIM!
HE'S MADE ME INTO SOMETHING EVIL AND UGLY! I HATE HIM ... IF ONLY I COULD SMASH HIS PLANS TO ROB THAT GOLD SHIPMENT ... IF I COULD FIND SOMEONE TO TRUST I'D.
I'M YOUR BOY
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU ARE ... IS YOUR NAME REALLY SMITH?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, AND AS FOR BUSTING UP KRAGG'S RING ... WELL. TRUST ME AND FOLLOW MY PLAN!
THE NEXT MORNING KRAGG AND HIS BANDITS SET OFF INTO THE HILLS.
SO LONG, SALLY YEEAAA... LET'S GO!
GOODBYE, SMITH GOOD LUCK!
BANG
YOU BEEN PRETTY CHUMMY WITH MY WIFE, SMITH ... WATCH IT!

THE BANDIT PARTY MOVES HIGH INTO THE MOUNTAINS...
THE GOLD TRAIN COMES IN ANOTHER HOUR WE'LL ATTACK FROM HERE!
AND ON THE COAST...
YOU'VE GOT TO COME, GOVERNOR! SMITH SAYS THAT YOUR POLICE CAN CAPTURE KRAGG IN THE ACT!
BUT HOW DID KRAGG DISCOVER THE ROUTE THE SHIPMENT WAS TAKING?
I I STOLE IT FROM YOU!
SO! TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME TWICE! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
PLEASE! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! THE SHIPMENT WILL BE DESTROYED IF YOU DON'T!!
HMM!
ALL RIGHT! I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE AND NOT BELIEVE YOU!
GOOD! CALL OUT THE MILITIA!
-SIGH-
ALAS THIS IS THE MILITIA!
YAWN
T-TWO MEN! WHAT CAN WE DO?
DO? WE'LL CAPTURE THEM SINGLE-HANDED! COME!
THE SUN ROSE HIGHER IN THE EAST, AND THE SECONDS TICKED BY RAPIDLY...
AH! THE TRAIN! GET THE DYNAMITE READY!
WHERE IS SALLY.. COULD SHE HAVE CROSSED ME?

YAHOO! LET'S GO!!
CAN'T STALL ANY LONGER.. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS JOB SOLO!
BA ROOM
WE'RE BLOCKED OFF!
THE PASSAGE IS CLOSED!
SMITH... YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER!
WHY DO I ALWAYS GET MYSELF INTO THESE JAMS?
BANG
DON'T FIRE IN THIS CANYON! ANY MORE NOISE CAN CAUSE AN AVALANCHE... AFTER HIM!
THIS IS THE SPOT IN THE MOVIES WHERE THE ARMY ALWAYS SHOWS UP WHY DON'T THEY SHOW UP...?
LISTEN... SHOTS! YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH, SALLY WE'RE JUST IN TIME!
EEN THE CANYON, SENOR

LOOK...A FIGHT, THEY'VE CORNERED SMITH! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
HALT, KRAGG! I'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED! FIRE A VOLLEY MEN!
NO... DON'T... WAIT!
BANG
BANG
NO...
THE SHOTS ECHOED OFF THE CANYON WALL THE ROCKS GROANED AND SHOOK AND IN A FEW SECONDS.
AVALANCHE!
UGH
SALLY... SALLY... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
KRAGG IS BURIED... IT'S ALL OVER NOW... YES, GOVERNOR EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT.
WELL, THE SHIPMENT WAS SAVED, KRAGG'S GANG WIPED OUT... AND SO, THAT WAS THE END OF SALLY OF THE ISLANDS THE GOVERNOR BOUGHT HER LOVELY CLOTHES AND JEWELRY, AND AFTER A SHORT WHILE, HE PROPOSED!
NATURALLY, SHE ACCEPTED
THE END
NO... SHE TURNED THE GOVERNOR DOWN. Y'SEE, HE HAD ASKED HER ON THE DAY SHE SAW MR SMITH LEAVE...
...SO LONG, SALLY YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU EVER DREAMED ABOUT... I'LL BE MOVING ON NOW...
SMITH... SMITH.... D-DON'T GO... DON'T GO...
SMITH NEVER FOUND OUT THAT SALLY TURNED DOWN THE GOVERNOR NOBODY COULD EVER FIGURE OUT WHY MAYBE SHE JUST WASN'T MEANT TO MARRY A GOVERNOR!
...THAT'S SALLY'S STORY AS FOR SMITH... HE JUST DISAPPEARED SALLY NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SPIRIT WHO KNOWS? I'M SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU MORE... YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY TO FIND HIM, COMMISSIONER DOLAN...
THANKS, S-SALLY...
W-WHERE TO NOW, MISTUH DOLAN?
TO THE NEXT ISLAND, EBONY. WE'LL KEEP GOING TILL WE FIND HIM!

THE SPIRIT
By Will Eisner
AMONG THE COUNTLESS ISLANDS THAT MAKE UP THE "PELIGROS", THEY TELL OF A MASKED MAN WHOSE PATH THREADS THE ISLANDS . STUDDING EACH WITH A NEW ADVENTURE...
The Masked Man
San Cedros July 10
the Peligros
Marquosa July 17
WHEW! WHAT A TREK, ELLEN!
ALL FO' NUFFIN'. WE COULDN'T FIND THE SPIRIT!

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WHEW...
AH'M WORN OUT IT'S LIKE TRYIN' T'FIND MAH SHOOTIN' MARBLE IN MAH SOCKS DRAWER Y'KNOWS IT'S THERE, BUT Y'CAN'T FIND IT!!!
EBONY'S RIGHT, ELLEN WE'VE COVERED 5,000 MILES OF CORAL REEFS AND ISLANDS WE KNOW HE'S ALIVE USES THE NAME SMITH AND HE'S HEALTHY BUT TO CATCH UP WITH HIM IS IMPOSSIBLE...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
WAIT.
HEY, ELLEN WHERE YA GOIN'?
TO FIND THE SPIRIT!
SLAM
AND SO...
TELEPHONE DIRECTOR
PRIVATE DETECTIVES...
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATOR
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AND THAT IS HOW I....
WILLIE ANKLE
PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR
COME INTO THIS PICTURE...
YEP... LIKE THEY SAY ENTER THE VILLAIN, SMILING... WILLIE ANKLE
BEST I TELL IT FROM HERE ON... BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED... YEAH... I HAD A WORM'S-EYE VIEW..
MY BRANCH OF THE PRIVATE EYE PROFESSION IS SMALL DOMESTIC CASES... AND THINGS RIGHT THEN WERE SLOW.. TOO SLOW EVEN FOR MY SECRETARY, SUGAR DUMPLING, WHO ON THIS OCCASION VENTURED ADVICE...
MR ANKLE.. WHAT YOU NEED IS PUBLICITY!
MISS DUMPLING, WILL YOU PLEASE GO DOWNSTAIRS AND FETCH ME AN AMERICAN CHEESE SANDWICH ON PUMPERNICKEL...
IF YOU COULD FIND SOME MISSING PERSON WHO'S IN THE PUBLIC EYE... OH WHAT'S THE USE OF GIVING YOU ADVICE—
WITH MAYONNAISE
OOF!
EXCUSE ME..
PARM ME
STEP OVER MY SECRETARY AND COME IN, MISS. ER.. ?
DOLAN.. ELLEN DOLAN. I WANT YOU TO FIND THE SPIRIT!

ELLEN DOLAN STARTED TALKING .. BUT I WAS THINKING 'WAY AHEAD OF HER...
..AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY... WILL YOU TRY, MR. ANKLE ?
FIND THE SPIRIT? HMM... WELL... ER .. I HAVE THE MACHINE-GUN McGURK CASE TO WORK ON, BUT I'LL DO THAT LATER. IN THE WEEK IT'S A CINCH, MISS DOLAN !
OF COURSE I'LL NEED SOME INFORMATION ON HIS HABITS...
MMM- THAT'S A LOVELY PERFUME...
ER... HIS HABITS AND STUFF LIKE THAT... YOU CAN GIVE ME THE DETAILS OVER DINNER.
WHY MR. ANKLE I'D LOVE TO... BUT REMEMBER NO ONE MUST KNOW ABOUT MY HIRING YOU !
OF COURSE ! HONEST INJUN . I WON'T TELL A SOUL !
HELLO .. MORNING PRESS... I HAVE A HOT TIP FOR YOU .. YEAH... IT'S ON THE SPIRIT... THAT'S RIGHT . THE S-P-I-R-I-T !
SURE, I KNEW THE SPIRIT COULDN'T BE LOCATED.. BUT BY MORNING I HAD ALL OF CENTRAL CITY BELIEVING HE COULD...
ELLEN DOLAN HIRES PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TO FIND...
POLICE FAIL !
DOLAN'S DAUGHTER EMPLOYS PRIVATE EYE !
SPIRIT SOUGHT BY PRIVATE EYE
ALL OF CENTRAL CITY... INCLUDING .. DOLAN... HIS DAUGHTER... AND ONE FOXIE
WHAT !
WHAT ?
W-WHAT ??
WOT'LL WE DO, FOXIE ?? IF THIS GUY FINDS THE SPIRIT BEFORE WE KNOCK OVER THE CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY... WE'RE THROUGH !
THE SPIRIT IS THE ONLY CENTRAL CITY COP WHO KNOWS ME . HE CAN'T COME BACK NOW !!
...AND SO I BLISSFULLY SAT BACK, LAPPING UP ALL THAT LOVELY PUBLICITY. I DIDN'T HAVE A WORRY IN THE WORLD...
YES THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS ! YOU MAY QUOTE ME AS SAYING THE SPIRIT WILL BE BACK IN CENTRAL CITY WITHIN 48 HOURS !!
W. ANKLE

ELLEN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO SHARE A SALAMI WITH ME SIT DOWN!
DON'T BRIGHT-TALK ME, YOU CAD! YOU PROMISED TO KEEP THIS OUT OF THE PAPERS! LOOK!!
BUT I LET ME EXPLAIN..
SOB
BOY. SHE MUST REALLY BE ANGRY..
WHEN I AWOKE, I WAS GAZING INTO THE GRIM FACE OF FOXIE HARROW, THE GANGSTER..
SO..Y'RE GONNA FIND THE SPIRIT, HUH?
GONNA MAKE US TROUBLE, HUH?
WHEN I THINK O' THAT MASK AN BLUE GLOVES.. GULP AN' HE WANTS T'BRING HIM BACK TO CRAMP OUR PITCH!
IF Y'RE SMART, Y'WON'T TRY IT, SHAMUS!
MR ANKLE.. OH, WILLIE.. I SAW THEM KIDNAP YOU... YOU POOR BOY!
SLAM
ELLEN, I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I'VE DONE! I KNOW I HURT YOU TERRIBLY.. AND I DIDN'T EVER WANT TO HURT YOU!
YOU'RE SWEET, WILLIE, BUT I CAN TELL THAT THIS CASE IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU! SIGH IF ONLY YOU COULD FIND HIM!
ELLEN THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO, ASK YOU..! ELLEN.. AFTER YOU KNOW ME A LITTLE LONGER, I'D LIKE YOU TO BECOME MY..
OH IF THE SPIRIT WERE ONLY HERE!
OH PHOOEY!
WHAT DID I SAY?

SUGAR, DID YOU EVER CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE SPIRIT IS NOT SO MUCH A REAL FIGURE AS A FIGMENT OF THE PUBLIC'S IMAGINATION? A SYMBOL OF JUSTICE TO THE GOOD A SYMBOL OF TERROR TO THE WICKED! ANYONE WEARING A BLUE MASK AND GLOVES COULD BE THE SPIRIT!
UH HUH!
EVEN I COULD. BE THE SPIRIT
BING!
YEAH WELL, SOMEBODY'D BETTER BE! YOU SAID YOU'D FIND HIM IN 48 HOURS, AND THE NEWSPAPERS ARE CALLING YOU A WINDBAG! THIS PUBLICITY CAN BOOMERANG!
DON'T YOU WORRY, SUGAR! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!!
IN LOVE WITH THE SPIRIT, IS SHE? FROM NOW ON, WILLIE ANKLE IS.. THE SPIRIT!
COSTUMES AND DISGUISES
AND SO, THAT NIGHT, A TALL, LITHE FIGURE RAN ONCE MORE THROUGH THE STREETS OF CENTRAL CITY.
THE SPIRIT!!
THE SPIRIT!
THE SPIRIT!
CRASH!!!
JUST GOT A TIP, ELLEN! THE SPIRIT WAS SEEN HEADING FOR THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT! HE'S BACK, ELLEN.
HE'S BACK!
OH, DADDY! WAIT FOR ME!

BACK IN THE WAREHOUSE...
STOP QUIVERIN' AN' LEGGO SO'S I CAN SHOOT..
OH THIS IS THE END
I GIVE UP!
CRASH
GOOD WORK, BOY! IT'S GOOD T'SEE YOU BACK AGAIN!
SPIRIT!
HEY! .. YOU'RE NOT THE SPIRIT!
IT'S ME... WILLIE ANKLE! I JUST HAD TO SHOW YOU, ELLEN, THAT IF YOU GIVE ME A MASK AND GLOVES I'M JUST AS GOOD AS THAT GUY ANY DAY!
Y'SEE, IT'S SIMPLE PSYCHOLOGY! GIVE UP LOVING A SYMBOL, ELLEN .. AND MARRY ME!
I I
HELLO KLINK? GOT A CLEAN-UP FOR YOU THIS IS DOLAN..
HE'LL NEVER COME BACK! WHY IF HE CARED FOR YOU AT ALL HE WOULD HAVE WRITTEN ... MARRY ME, ELLEN .. I LOVE YOU .. I'M HERE ..
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, WILLIE...
I WILL MARRY YOU!
HELLO... MORNING PRESS... I HAVE AN ITEM FOR YOUR SOCIETY PAGE!! ELLEN DOLAN ENGAGED TO PRIVATE DETECTIVE WILLIAM ANKLE!
OH, MISS DOLAN... I'VE BEEN CARRYING THIS LETTER AROUND .IT CAME TO HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY-F'GOT TO GIVE IT TO YOU
DADDY! IT'S FROM THE SPIRIT.. HE'S COMING HOME!!

HE'S COMING HOME. HE'S COMING HOME HE LOVES ME!
SNIFF HEH HEH THERE, THERE
HEY MOE THAT ANKLE FELLA JUST CALLED! CUT OUT THAT ELLEN DOLAN ENGAGEMENT STORY IT'S NOT TRUE!
HMM WE'VE ALREADY PRINTED A HUNDRED COPIES OH WELL 'WE'LL HAVE TO SCRAP THEM, I GUESS
WHAT, SCRAP A HUNDRED COPIES BECAUSE OF ONE ERROR? BAH! SHIP THEM OUT TO OUR PACIFIC SUBSCRIBERS! WHAT DO THEY CARE ABOUT ENGAGEMENT NOTICES?
AND SO... TWO WEEK'S LATER... A PACIFIC ATOLL...
YOU'D BETTER GET ON BOARD, SIR... WE SAIL IN FIVE MINUTES!
EH...? OH YES...
C'MON, MISTER... YOU'LL MISS THE BOAT!
FORGET IT...
TO SOME, THIS MASKED ADVENTURER IS KNOWN AS "SMITH" OTHERS CAN TELL YOU OF AN AFFAIR IN SAN CEDRO THEY CAN DESCRIBE HIM TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL YET NONE KNOW WHERE HE COMES FROM OR WHY HE WANDERS AMONG THESE ISLANDS OR WHERE HE'LL NEXT APPEAR

THE BALL GAME

THE SPIRIT

ALL NIGHT THE DRUMS ON THE ISLE OF MONABAU HAVE BEEN THROBBING. ALL NIGHT THE JUNGLES HAVE VIBRATED TO THEIR CHANT... FOR IT IS THE TIME OF "THE SEQUESTA" THE SEASON WHEN THE ISLANDERS CHOOSE A LEADER BY ELECTION...
"OH-SEND-US-A-MAN"... THEY SAY "SEND US-SOME ONE-BRAVE AND STRONG"
"SOMEONE-WHO WILL-SAVE-OUR-PEOPLE FROM THE-TYRANT-AT-OUR DOOR..."
BY DAWN, THE DRUMS ARE SILENT... AND ALL IS HUSHED, AWAITING THE ANSWER TO THEIR PRAYERS...
BEEOOP
THE MAIL BOAT... HARK SOMEONE ALIGHTS!

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VOTE FOR BAPTIS
BANG
ELECT BABY MANUE
VOTE FOR BABY MANUELO
THIS, M'SIEU SPIRIT, IS POLITICS ON THE ISLE OF MONABAU!
HMM.. SO I SEE...
BUT GOVERNOR BAPTISTE. I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T SEND ALL THE WAY TO THE PELIGROS FOR ME JUST TO TALK POLITICS...
EEN A WAY I DEED M'SIEU! I 'AVE HEARD ABOUT YOU EEN CENTRAL CITY WHEN I WAS THERE LAST YEAR. YOU ARE A CRIMEFIGHTER AND AN AMERICAN
SPIRIT, THEES ELECTION WEEL BE A DIRTY ONE! BABY MANUELO WEEL STOP AT NOTHING TO WIN... AS YOU HAVE SEEN...
O.K., SO I'LL CATCH THE KILLER, BUT THE PEOPLE WILL STILL VOTE, AND HOW DO YOU FIGURE TO WIN THAT?
... WHAT IS THE BIG POLITICAL ISSUE?
BASEBALL!!
MEANWHILE...
SANTOS! THE PRE-ELECTION GAME IS NEXT WEEK. THIS NEW TEAM MANAGER THAT YOU SENT FOR.. HAS HE ARRIVED YET?
SÍ, BABY HE HAS ARRIVE ON THE MORNING MAIL BOAT... I 'AVE KEPT HEEM WAITING FOR YOU
CRUNCH
LEMME OUT!!
BAM
CRASH
THE BASEBALL COMMISHONER IS GONNA HEAR ABOUT THIS!

BABY MANUELO... THEES EES SEÑOR SAMMY... THE NEW MANAGER I SENT FOR!
HEEM?? THEES EES YOUR MANAGER?
HIYA, MAC... I HOPE Y'REALIZE I C'N ONLY SPEND A SHORT TIME DOWN HERE! THE HOOP CITY BUFFALOS FROWN UPON LEAGUE JUMPIN' ON THE PART O' THEIR BAT-BOYS!
PLEASE SEÑOR.. FORGIVE ME! I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING WHEN I SENT FOR HIM... PLEASE!!
NO.. NO!!
BANG
NOW, SEÑOR SAMMY.. YOU HAVE SEEN A DEMONSTRATION OF THE FATE THAT BEFALLS THOSE WHO DISPLEASE BABY MANUELO! WE DO.. NOT LOSE THE BALL.. GAME EH?!
SÍ.
MEANWHILE.. ON ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND.
YOU SEE, M'SIEU SPIRIT, BABY MANUELO HAS CAUGHT THE POPULAR FANCY WEETH BASEBALL.. AND NOW, WHOEVER WINS THIS BALL GAME IS SURE TO WIN THE ELECTION!
WELL THEN.. GET YOURSELF A TEAM!
I HAVE!
OH, MURDER!
YAWN
LOOK, GOVERNOR BAPTISTE. YOU MAY AS WELL GIVE UP THE WHOLE IDEA! YOU'LL LOSE WITH THAT COLLECTION! BESIDES, I'M A CRIMEFIGHTER, NOT A BASEBALL MANAGER!
BUT M'SIEU YOU ARE AN AMERICAN AND ALL AMERICANS KNOW BASEBALL!
IF MANUELO WEENS THEES ELECTION, THERE WEEL NEVAIR AGAIN BE FREE ELECTIONS HERE!
PLEASE, SEÑOR
PLEASE, M'SIEU
AND SO...
SÍ
OUI!
AH HA
NOW, THIS IS A DIAMOND UPON WHICH THE GAME IS PLAYED. HERE IS FIRST BASE. SECOND IS HERE. ETC. ETC.

NEXT DAY...
HIYA, CHUM! SO YOU'RE MANAGIN' BAPTISTE'S TEAM, EH? HAW! WHAT A BEATIN' YOU'RE GONNA TAKE!
. LOOKS LIKE IT, DOESN'T IT . AND SO THE PEOPLE WILL ELECT BABY MANUELO AND LIVE UNDER A GUNMAN'S DICTATORSHIP.'
AAH! WHY SHOULD I GIVE A HOOT IF THE ISLANDERS ARE DUMB ENOUGH TO PICK A GOVERNOR THROUGH A BASEBALL GAME! WE'LL WIN IN A WALK, AND I'LL HAVE A PILE O SCRATCH! THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT!
YEAH THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT
THAT NIGHT BABY MANUELO'S HEADQUARTERS .
THE GAME IS TOMORROW! HA! THAT FOOL BAPTISTE WILL ACTUALLY TRY TO FIELD A TEAM! HE HAS HIRED A MANAGER, "EL SPIRITO" BY NAME BUT WE'LL FIX THAT!
WHADDYA MEAN, "FIX"?
BABY MANUELO IS NOT ONE TO TAKE CHANCES! THAT ONE SHALL BE KILLED THIS EVENING!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ER. JUST OUT T'GET SOME AIR!
SPIRIT - SPIRIT!! I COME T'WARN YA! BLOW! BABY MANUELO IS OUT T'GET YA! BLOW!!

NO DICE SAMMY I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT I'M STICKING THIS OUT.' GOODBYE!
THUD
DID YOU THINK I WAS NOT AWARE OF YOUR TREACHERY, SEÑOR SAMMY? .BUT YOU ARE NECESSARY TO ME, SO I WEEL WAIT UNTIL **AFTER** TOMORROW'S GAME TO **REPAY** YOU!
AND SO ON THE EVE OF THE GAME, THE MANAGERS OF THE RIVAL TEAMS SLEEP UNEASILY.
THE NEXT AFTERNOON, THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE LITTLE ISLAND GATHERS TO WATCH THE GAME...
WHERE IS THE SPIRIT? HOW CAN WE PLAY WITHOUT A MANAGER?
'SST GOVERNOR BAPTISTE... FIELD YOUR TEAM AND DON'T WORRY... EVERYTHING WILL BE O.K.!'
EL MANAGERO
WHAT EES WRONG WEETH THEES BAT? IT NEVAIR SEEM SO **HEAVY** BEFORE!
BUCK SHOT

THE GAME COMMENCES
INNING NUMBER ONE
UGH
STRIKE THREE!
INNING NUMBER TWO
SQUISH
INNING NUMBER THREE
STRIKE!
INNING NUMBER FIVE.
THEY'RE LEADING US BY FOUR RUNS. WHATSA MATTER WITH YOU GUYS?
SHOW SOME LIFE!!
INNING NUMBER SIX.
CRACK
YAWN
ZZZZ
BONK
¡¡@X*★#◎!! MY WHOLE TEAM... IT'S ASLEEP!!
MEANWHILE
GUARD!
SI
OOF!
CRACK
GNAW... AND WHEN YOU'VE GNAWED THROUGH THOSE YOU CAN START ON THE WRIST ROPES!

@#**!! DOUBLE CROSSER! I WARNED YOU WHAT WOULD HAPPEN! YOU HAVE THROWN THE GAME!
NOW CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER ??
THUD
THUD
WOW
WHAT A SHOW!
THIS IS BETTER THAN THE GAME!
WHEEE ♪ ♫
NEXT MORNING
WELL, GOVERNOR BAPTISTE, YOUR ELECTION IS ASSURED THANKS TO SAMMY!
I HOPE SO THE WHOLE ISLAND KNOWS HOW WE WON THE BALL GAME!
LISTEN. THE JUNGLE DRUMS TELL THE OUTCOME. SHH SHH I WILL TRANSLATE FROM THEIR CODE...
T-H-E ...P-E-O-P-L-E.. E-L-E-C-T ..
SAMMY!
SAMMMY
..THAT GOVERNOR SURE AIN'T GOT NO SENSE O' HUMOR!

MATUA

SPLAT

In the archipelago of islands called "The Peligros" there is one strange and silent isle that dominates the southern anchor of the group Matua is its name... and its origin is a strange legend

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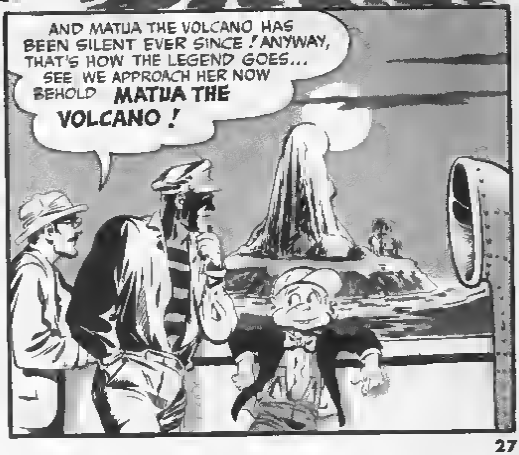
In the days when the mountains were young and the valleys fresh, a great monster roamed the land. The people called him Matua ... for he was the last of the great beasts ... and sought to halt the intruder in his domain ... man!

The tribes fled to the hills, but there was no escape ... and many were killed. Now it seemed that the two-legged puny things called men were surely doomed. Then did Tan-gau the witch-doctor rise up and say... "I will fight the last battle with Matua!"

Matua approached, splitting the earth with each mighty tread ... but Tan-gau the witch-doctor did not move. He stood, pleading with the heavens ... pleading for a curse.

A curse that would boil the ocean and cause the hills to tremble. Then the heavens replied! Matua the monster advanced, and Tan-gau hurled his curse!

...And where once had stood a monster, there was now a volcano ... huge and ugly ... but quite extinct.


AND MATUA THE VOLCANO HAS BEEN SILENT EVER SINCE! ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW THE LEGEND GOES... SEE WE APPROACH HER NOW BEHOLD MATUA THE VOLCANO!

QUITE A STORY, EH, SAMMY? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?
STRICK'LY FRUM HUNGER. SPIRIT... A LINE O' BALONEY FOR THE TOURIST TRADE. I'M SURPRISED THATCHA EVEN LISSEN TO HIM!
AH, MY PEOPLE COME TO GREET ME!
IT IS HE!
AT LAST!
YOUNG TAN-GAU OUR NEW WITCH DOCTOR!
?!
NOW, IF YOU GENTLEMEN WILL PARDON ME... I MUST RUSH AWAY.. MY FATHER IS DYING AND I'VE LEFT WORLDLEIGH COLLEGE TO BE AT HIS SIDE "ERE" BY DAWN TOMORROW, I WILL BE TAN-GAU THE WITCH-DOCTOR-! YOU SEE, I AM THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF TAN-GAU THE MAN WHO CONQUERED THE MONSTER MATUA
GOSH!
THAT HIM, CUTTER?
YEAH! THE OLD MAN'S A DUMB NATIVE, BUT THE KID'S EDUCATED! HE KNOWS THE MEANING OF A BUCK! SOON WE'LL HAVE THE "MATUA STONE" AND WE'LL BE RICH, ACE... RICH!
LATER...
BA-BOOM BA BOOM BA BOOM
FATHER!
MY SON! AT LAST YOU HAVE COME! MY STRENGTH DEPARTS... I CAN NOT TELL YOU MUCH... LISTEN! THE SECRET OF THE TAN-GAUS... I MUST GIVE IT TO YOU... BEFORE I DIE... BEFORE MATUA COMES TO LIFE!

MATUA... COMING TO LIFE?
YES! IN THE WRITINGS OF THE FIRST TAN-GALI IS THE WARNING THAT EVERY HUNDREDTH YEAR ON THE THIRD NIGHT OF THE QUARTER MOON THE CURSE MUST BE RENEWED—OR MATUA WILL AGAIN RISE AND STALK THE EARTH!
YOU WILL FIND THE ORIGINAL CURSE INSCRIBED ON THE "MATUA STONE". IT IS BURIED ON THE SIDE OF THE VOLCANO... FIND IT! ...THE ..THE OLDEST STONE IN THE WORLD..
FIND IT.
FATHER. FATHER!!
BOOM BA BOO
OLD TAN-GALI IS DEAD
BOOM BA BOO
OLD TAN-GALI IS DEAD
BOOM BA BOO
...A DEAD VOLCANO TURNING INTO AN ANCIENT MONSTER... I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT.... I'VE GIVEN UP THIS SUPERSTITION! ...HOW MY COLLEGE PROFESSOR WOULD LAUGH!
YET.. I FIND MYSELF DRAWN INTO THIS...
THAT'S RIGHT, DOC!
THAT STONE WON'T DO YOU NO GOOD.. SELL IT TO US!
WHO ARE YOU?
CUTTER AND ACE. WE'RE..ER—MUSEUM CURATORS, INTERESTED IN ANCIENT RELICS! WE'LL GIVE FIVE HUNDRED BERRIES FOR THE "MATUA STONE"!
YA HESITATE? O.K—WE'LL GIVE YA $5,000!
QUITE A SUM F'R A HUNK O' SUPERSTITION, EH, KIDDO? THINK... THINK.
VERY WELL I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE A WITCH-DOCTOR. I'M A CIVILIZED MAN NOW... WITH THAT MONEY I CAN DO MUCH IN AMERICA... FOLLOW ME!
MEANWHILE...
COLONIAL CONSTABULARY
HMM—"WANTED IN CENTRAL CITY.... I'D LIKE TO TAKE 'EM ALONG WHEN WE GO BACK TO THE STATES!
CUTTER AND ACE?? YAWN. WHY, YES... WE HAVE A FILE OF "MEN WANTED". MR SPIRIT. NO-HUM LOOK FOR YOURSELF.
HEY LOOK.. THESE GUYS WERE ONNA DOCK THIS MORNIN'!

THAT NIGHT...
OLD MAN HAVE YOU SEEN TWO MEN ?
NO, NO, NO SPIRIT. YA GOTTA TALK T' THESE NATIVES IN THEIR OWN JARGON ! I GOT A TRAVEL GUIDE HERE
NOW LESSEE AHEM !
UH - OOGLE - KA ER KATOOBA - BO MULU ER MIFO
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU'RE SAYING YOUNG MAN I TAKE IT YOU SEEK ACE AND CUTTER. THEY WERE HEADED FOR MATUA MOUNTAIN !
KEEP DIGGING CUTTER IT'S HERE
AHA HERE HERE ! ... THE MATUA STONE .. WHAT A FIND !!
WAIT ! I'VE CHANGED MY MIND ! LEAVE THOSE THINGS ALONE HERE TAKE YOUR MONEY BACK ! I CAN'T BETRAY MY FATHER'S TRUST
HUH ?
WISE GUY, HUH ?
WELCHER !
GOOD HEAVENS ! ACCORDING TO THE STONE. TONIGHT ENDS THE ONE-HUNDREDTH YEAR ! UNLESS THE CURSE IS RENEWED ..
MATUA COMES ALIVE TONIGHT !!

AND NOW, SUDDENLY .. AS WOULD A SLEEPING MONSTER THE MOUNTAIN STIRS ITS AGED SIDES .. DEEP WITHIN, A SPARK OF LIFE, STILL FOR CENTURIES BURSTS INTO FLAME — AND MATUA QUIVERS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TAN GAU MOLTEN LAVA IS COMING DOWN FROM THE TOP!
THE EDGE COLLAPSED .. THEY THEY'RE DEAD!
TAN-GAU .. WE'RE ON A LIVE VOLCANO! LET'S GET GOING . HEY!
THE CURSE
TAN-GAU! COME BACK!
NO! I MUST REACH THE BRIM! THERE IS STILL TIME TO RENEW THE CURSE!
NO NO
I AM HERE! I SHALL DEFEAT YOU, MATUA, AS DID MY ANCESTOR!
CRASH
BAROOM

I'M IN TIME— THE CURSE IS WORKING GAAAAAA
AND WITH THE SUDDENNESS OF A MAGIC SPELL THE FIRES RECEDE AND THE MOLTEN LAVA COOLS AND MATUA IS ONCE MORE TRANSFIXED A MERE EXTINCT VOLCANO EXTINCT THAT IS FOR THESE NEXT 100 YEARS...
WHAT HAPPENED TO TAN-GAU? HE WASN'T IN THE CAVE WITH US.. WOW! HE MUSTA BEEN UGH!
Y'KNOW, SAMMY I NEVER NOTICED IT BEFORE, BUT IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A MONSTER... A PREHISTORIC MONSTER!
TWO DAYS LATER ON A LINER HEADING WEST OUT OF THE PELIGROS...
WELL, SAMMY, IN A WEEK WE'LL BE BACK HOME IN CENTRAL CITY CAN'T WAIT TO SEE DOLAN, EBONY, AND ELLEN AGAIN! HEY, WHAT'S EATING YOU?
THE MATUA STONE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MATUA STONE?
CRUSHED, I IMAGINE A MOUND OF DUST AND ASHES WITH ITS ANCIENT FORMULA LOST TO THE WORLD FOREVER!
REET! SO WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW, WHEN MATUA THE MONSTER COMES TO LIFE AGAIN? NOW THERE AIN'T NO WAY T'STOP HIM!
WELL— SUPPOSE WE JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT

LURID LOVE

THE SPIRIT BY Will Eisner

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AM I TOO STUPID TO BE LOVED?
CAN THIS BE MY FATE ? AM I LIKE THESE FLOWERS, GATHERED IN THE SUNSHINE AND CAST ASIDE TO WILT AND WITHER WHEN THE BLOOM IS GONE ?
HAVE YOU A LOVE PROBLEM THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO SOLVE ?
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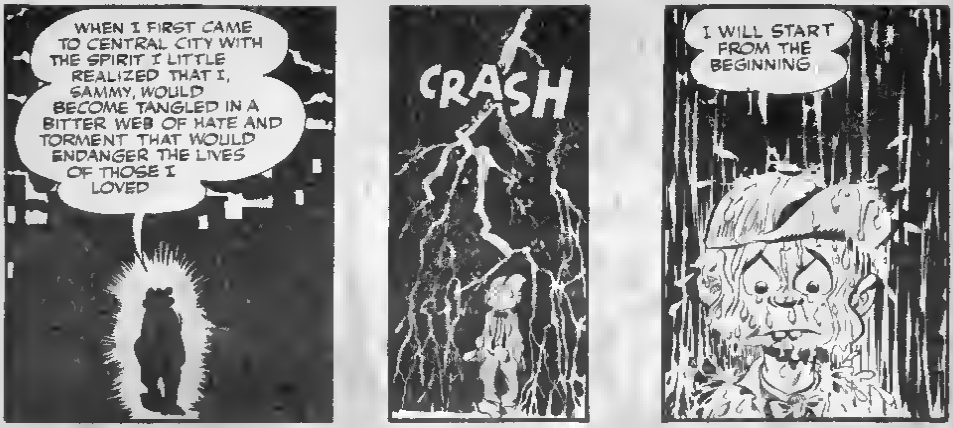
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO CENTRAL CITY WITH THE SPIRIT I LITTLE REALIZED THAT I, SAMMY, WOULD BECOME TANGLED IN A BITTER WEB OF HATE AND TORMENT THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THOSE I LOVED
CRASH
I WILL START FROM THE BEGINNING

"I WAS PASSION'S PLAYTHING"

A TRUE, REAL-LIFE LOVE-CONFESSION ROMANCE

THOSE FIRST DAYS IN CENTRAL CITY WERE GLORIOUSLY HAPPY ONES FOR ME(SAMMY) IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I, SAMMY, FELT THE WARMTH, THE LOVE OF REAL FRIENDS...
BUT EVEN THEN I FELT THE ONRUSHING TEMPEST THAT WAS TO CONSUME ALL MY WAKING MOMENTS .WHEN ELLEN DOLAN SAID...
WILL YOU PLEASE PASS THE KETCHUP SAMMY?
I STARED AT HER AROUND THE CORNER OF THE KETCHUP BOTTLE AND I THOUGHT.. "LIFE .LIFE IS NOT UNLIKE A KETCHUP BOTTLE..." HER FINGERS TOUCHED MINE AND THEN..
OOPS..YOU DROPPED IT!
I.. I'M SORRY I'LL GO NOW
SAMMY
ALL THE WAY HOME I DENIED IT.. SHE WAS BETROTHED TO THE SPIRIT WHAT RIGHT HAD I TO..?? I DENIED IT TO THE HEAVENS... TO THE MOUNTAINS...TO THE VALLEYS.
I DENY IT! I DENY IT!!
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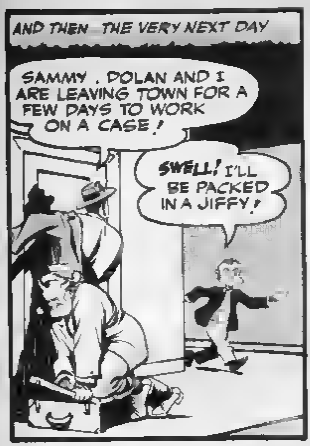

"TAKE CARE OF ELLEN..."
THOSE WORDS RANG IN MY EARS IF HE BUT KNEW HOW I FELT ABOUT HER... YET, HE TRUSTS ME I AM HIS FRIEND I WILL NEVER BETRAY HIS TRUST.

AS THE SPIRIT LEFT, I AGAIN HAD THAT TERRIBLE FOREBODING OF IMPENDING DISASTER
WELL, SAMMY, I KNOW YOU'LL BE VERY LONELY WITH THE SPIRIT AND DADDY GONE! WHY DON'T YOU, EBONY AND I GO ON A PICNIC TOMORROW?

HER HANDS WERE WARM AND SOFT IT WAS THEN THAT WE BOTH KNEW I TRIED TO SPEAK, BUT MY THROAT WAS DRY...
OH BOY A PICNIC!! AH LOVE 'EM BUGS 'N' ALL!

IS DIS D'HOUSE, SETH?
RIGHT WIT' DOLAN AN' TH'SPIRIT OUTTA TOWN LOOKIN' FER US, WE'RE GONNA HOLE UP IN TH' POLICE COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE! HAW! WHAT A LAUGH!

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EYE SIZE
SEND ME LASHIES AT EACH

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THAT NIGHT I SAT IN WILDWOOD CEMETERY, THE SPIRIT'S SECRET HIDEAWAY AS YOUNG EBONY SLEPT THE SLEEP OF THE CONTENTED. I, YOUNG SAMMY, PEERED SLEEPLESS INTO THE STARLESS SKIES
I WAS SICK SICK WITH LOVE, SICK WITH TORMENT, SICK OF LIFE
SICK!
SICK, DO YOU HEAR ??
BOY. WAS I EVER SICK!
I KNEW THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO . THE NEXT MORNING I HEADED STRAIGHT FOR ELLEN DOLAN'S HOUSE WHY GHOULD TWO LIVES BE RUINED BECAUSE OF ELLEN'S EARLIER ROMANCE ?
SAMMY!
ELLEN... I'VE COME TO ASK YOU TO
TO GO ON THE PICNIC I PROMISED! OF COURSE.. LET'S GO!
YEAH. AN' WE'LL COME ALONG TOO JES' T MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS FUN!
MFP
YEH
IT WAS THEN I MET UGLY MARY SWEET, YOUNG, UNSPOILED, UNASSUMING, TRUSTING, HONEST...
ONE FALSE MOVE, HONEY, AND YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT YA! SETH— CALL THE PAYOFF BOYS AN' TELL 'EM TO MEET US AT TRICKLEROCK PICNIC GROVE.
RIGHT. DIS IS A REAL BREAK!

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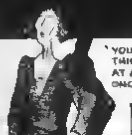

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AND SO... AT THE PICNIC GROVE
UGLY MARY... YOU WERE NOT MEANT FOR THIS KIND OF LIFE... YOU ARE SWEET UNTRAMMELED UNSPOILED.
YA SED IT, KIDDO. YER FAITH AFFEKS ME... YAWN...
LOOK, BABE... YA GOT CLASS SOON'S I COLLECK TH' PAYOFF DOUGH, I'LL DROP UGLY MARY YOU AN' ME C'N HOP A FAST FREIGHT.
YOUR EMOTION IS TOUCHING, SETH YAWN!

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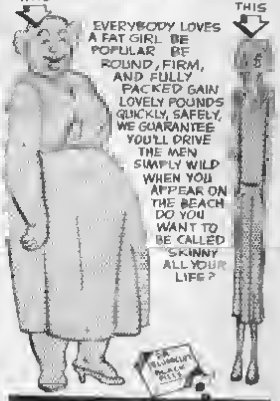

EVERYBODY LOVES A FAT GIRL BE POPULAR BE ROUND, FIRM, AND FULLY PACKED GAIN LOVELY POUNDS QUICKLY, SAFELY, WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL DRIVE THE MEN SIMPLY WILD WHEN YOU APPEAR ON THE BEACH DO YOU WANT TO BE CALLED "SKINNY" ALL YOUR LIFE?

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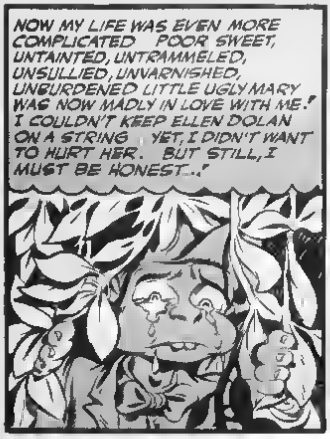
NOW MY LIFE WAS EVEN MORE COMPLICATED POOR SWEET, UNTAINTED, UNTRAMMELED, UNSULLIED, UNVARNISHED, UNBURDENED LITTLE UGLY MARY WAS NOW MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME! I COULDN'T KEEP ELLEN DOLAN ON A STRING YET, I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT HER. BUT STILL, I MUST BE HONEST..!

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WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT

FEEL & LOOK LIKE SIXTEEN
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YES YES, YES, I WANT A - - - -
I CAN'T WAIT TO DO SOME MISERABLE MISCHIEF WITH THE USELESS MERCHANDISE YOU'RE STUCK WITH
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ANY ITEM RUSHED TO YOU COMPLETELY POST PAID C.O.D. PLUS A FEW BUCKS CARRYING CHARGES

MEANWHILE ..AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GROVE...
FWEET
D'SIGNAL!
IT'S LEFTY AN' LOOBY WID D'PAYOFF
O.K.,FELLERS !!
YA GOTTA SIGN A RECEIPT, SETH. LET'S .ER KEEP IT BUSINESS!
SURE
AND THAT'S ALL I WANTED, PAL!
NICE WORK, ELLEN... YOU HANDLED IT PERFECTLY! ALTHOUGH I WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER THOSE TWO WOULD GET WISE AND...
?
I'LL MURDER 'IM... I'LL...
STAND BACK, EVERYONE... I'M FIGHTING FOR MY LOVE !!
SWISH
WHOOSH
YA CAN'T PROVE A THING !!
No??
WELL.. SUPPOSE YOU COME DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS . AND WE'LL TRY!
CLICK
WHEW...I GUESS I MUSTA MURDERED HIM. TSK TSK . I JUST DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH!
ELLEN..I FEEL I MUST TELL YOU..THIS THING BETWEEN US CANNOT BE...YOU REALLY DON'T LOVE ME... YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE ELSE, I'M SURE...
? ? ?
I TURNED QUICKLY..I DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE HURT IN HER EYES...AND AS I HEADED DOWN THE ROAD INTO THE SETTING SUN, I KNEW. YES, I KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE OTHERS... BUT THAT IN THE END I WOULD BUILD A NEW LIFE ON THE ASHES OF THE OLD.. WHILST THE WOUNDS WOULD HEAL..IN TIME

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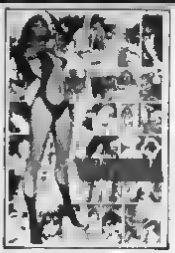

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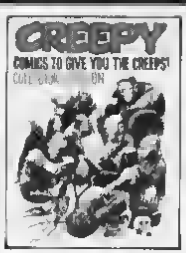

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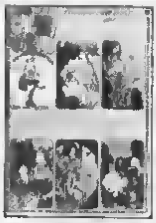

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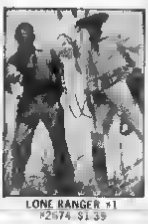

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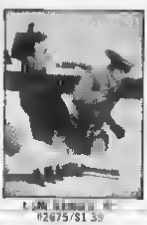

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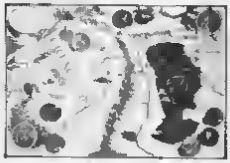

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THE SPIRIT

By Will Eisner

ACE McCASE GOT AS FAR AS ANY CROOK EVER COULD GO.

HE MADE HIS PILE, FRAMED HIS PALS SO THEY COULDN'T SQUEAL, AND SETTLED DOWN TO SPEND HIS DECLINING YEARS DIRECTING HIS GANG FROM A VINE-COVERED COTTAGE

BUT CRIME IS A RISKY BUSINESS AND HE RAN AFOUL OF THE USUAL "OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD" OF HIS TRADE.

AND SO NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE VINE-COVERED COTTAGE....

HOUSE FOR RENT
PLEASE STOP SHOVING! WE'LL PICK OUT THE MOST ELIGIBLE TENANT!
I GOT HERE FIRST!
I'M A VETERAN I WANT PRIORITY!
VETERANS AT THE END OF THE LINE!
STOP SHOVIN'!

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ONE SIDE... ONE SIDE!! THIS IS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER!
HOUSE FOR RENT
OUTTA MY WAY, BUD.. I'M RENTING THIS HOUSE!
YOU...?
SPIRIT!! WH WHAT'S THE IDEA.?
STRICTLY BUSINESS, DOLAN! THIS HOUSE WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF McCASE'S MOB. THERE SHOULD BE A LOT OF INTERESTING SCRAPS OF EVIDENCE AROUND THE PLACE
HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS HOUSE? ..I FIGURED TO DO THIS MYSELF
EVERYONE KNOWS THE LOOT FROM THAT CENTRAL BANK ROBBERY IS STILL MISSING. NOW LET'S BE CO-OPERATIVE, DOLAN
NO!
..YOU'LL GET ALL THE CREDIT FOR IT... AFTER ALL, YOU OUTRANK ME...
I WILL??
HMMMM...
O.K.
LET'S GO IN!
MEANWHILE, THE LATE ACE McCASE'S HOODLUMS HEAD TOWARD THEIR NEW HIDEOUT..
SIGH
. I SURE HATE TO LEAVE THAT COZY LITTLE VINE-COVERED COTTAGE... WHY CAN'T WE STAY?
BECAUSE THE LEASE AIN'T IN OUR NAME. BESIDES, AS SOON AS THEM APARTMENT HUNTERS HOID McCASE WAS DEAD, THEY MOBBED THE JOINT! WE JUST LEFT IN TIME!
YA BRUNG ALONG ALL OUR EFFECTS, DINTCHA ??
YEP! IT'S ALL HERE. 2 TOMMY GUNS PINOCHLE DECK BULLETS AND THE DOUGH FROM THE DOUGH ER THE DOUGH
OMIGOSH... THE DOUGH FROM THE BANK ROBBERY.. I LEFT IT IN THE HOUSE!
@#**@&%!! TURN THE CAR AROUND, TWISTER... WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO THAT VINE-COVERED COTTAGE RIGHT NOW!!

AND NOW LET US RETURN TO THAT VINE-COVERED COTTAGE...
GET RID OF THOSE APARTMENT HUNTERS WE'LL RENT IT
YES COMMISSIONER DOLAN HERE'S THE KEY
!
?
GET OUT, YOU TWO. I'VE ALREADY RENTED THIS HOUSE..
ER BUT LOOK, LADY YOU DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A HOUSE WHERE A MAN WAS MURDERED, DO YOU ?
THAT HORRIBLE FACT DOESN'T SEEM TO BOTHER YOU ANY, LADDIE-BUCK !
BESIDES : SNIFF : I'M A POOR HELPLESS WIDDER-WOMAN...I. I'M ALL ALONE IN THIS WORLD...
HMM-I SUPPOSE YOU DO DESERVE SOME CONSIDERATION
PSST DOLAN NO ' NO ! NO NO NO NO
OH, COMMISSIONER YOU'RE SO KIND . SO GENTLE (THE) MY NAME IS LIZZIE PINCH
CUTE NAME AHEM ER-COUGH AH, LITTLE LADY, WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO..
JUST LET US HANG AROUND A BIT, YOU CAN LIVE HERE
WHAT A GENTLEMAN !!
WHAT A CHUMP !!
LATER... WILDWOOD CEMETERY..
..YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM, EBONY, PUTTY JUST PLAIN, SOFT, MALLEABLE PUTTY IN HER HANDS. . THE GREAT IRON COP DOLAN A PUSHAROUND !!
HERE'S THE FILES ON THE McCASE INQUEST, MR SPIRIT..
THIS PICTURE, TAKEN AT ACE McCASE'S INQUEST.. HMMM SAY. THAT WOMAN STANDING AMONG THE WITNESSES . IT'S LIZZIE PINCH !
I KNEW IT ! I KNEW IT !

LATER..HEADQUARTERS
BUT DOLAN. .I TELL YOU WE CAN'T ALLOW LIZZIE PINCH TO LIVE IN THAT HOUSE— I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!
AAAH POPPYCOCK!! THAT HOUSE HAS BEEN SEARCHED BY MY COPS THERE'S NO CLUE LEFT FOR HER TO DISTURB!!
OOM
OK. .OK IT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT GO AHEAD MESS IT UP.
SAY WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO CALL ON MISS PINCH, THAT'S WHERE! SEE YOU LATER!
WASH ROOM
FLAM

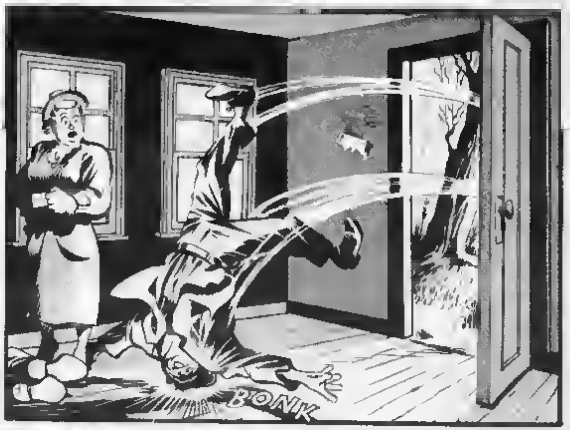
LET US NOW PRECEDE DOLAN TO THE LITTLE VINE-COVERED COTTAGE WE KNOW SO WELL...

?
BUT..I ER.. I THINK I'M COMING DOWN WITH THE MUMPS SOME OTHER TIME, MAYBE??
WHEW.
ULP !
EEEK.. COME BACK!
ER.. I MEAN, PERHAPS YOU'RE IMMUNE TO MUMPS.. WON'T YOU STAY ?
?
YOU LOOK FRIGHTENED, MISS LIZZIE
I ER THINK THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE FIREPLACE
IS THE DOUGH THERE ?
FEAR NOT, MISS PINCH.. I WILL PROTECT YOU !
COME OUT OF THERE, YOU !
OUTTA MY WAY, GRANDPA.
THE DOUGH'S GONE.. THERE'S LIZZIE PINCH, THE RAT.. I'LL GRAB HER.. BET SHE KNOWS WHERE THE DOUGH IS..
POW
OH, COMMISSIONER DOLAN.. YOU'RE SO BIG AND STRONG.. HE'S OUT COLD! HURRY, GET THE OTHER CROOK!
HUH? WHO, ME? ER.. I MEAN.. YEAH, SURE!

WHICH WAY DID THAT OTHER CROOK GO, LIZZIE?
GRRRR
OUT THAT DOOR, YOU BIG STRONG HE-MAN.
OOF!

O.K., LIZZIE I'M AFTER HIM

THUD
SMASH
OOF
RUCH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COMMISSIONER DOLAN... DID YOU DO THAT??
WHY, MY DEAR DON'T YOU BELIEVE YOUR OWN EYES?

OH YOU BEAST YOU GREAT BIG STRONG BEAST YOU!

THE WAY YOU MANHANDLED THOSE CROOKS ...KNOCKED THEM ABOUT OOH WHAT A MAN
DOLAN . THIS WOMAN I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT HER..
GO 'WAY, KID Y BOTHER ME
I JUST LOVE POLICE WORK
I'M GLAD YOU DO. IT'S BEEN SO HARD TO FIND A WOMAN WITH WHOM I CAN TALK SHOP . ONE WHO'LL UNDERSTAND AND HAVE A REAL INTEREST IN MY WORK
I'LL SAY SHE HAS AN INTEREST IN POLICE WORK!
BUT..
GO AWAY, SPIRIT! THE CASE IS CLOSED !!
I'M GOING TO CALL THE PAPERS NOW AND ER TAKE PROPER CREDIT FOR THE CAPTURE
NO YOU WON'T I'M GETTING CREDIT FOR THAT!
YOU ?
YES ME , LIZZIE PINCH! I'M A POLICEWOMAN FROM EAGLE COUNTY I TRACKED THEM HERE AND I FOUND THE MONEY THESE CROOKS WERE RESIDENTS OF MY COUNTY
..AND DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, BECAUSE I HAVE A BENCH WARRANT AND EXTRADITION PAPERS FROM A JUDGE IN YOUR OWN COUNTY.. COME ALONG, BOYS
!
ER SPIRIT ER WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME -?
OH..AHEM ER HEH IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!

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I'LL TAKE EM MY-SELF!
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WELCOME!
WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAY HAVEN!
TO BEAUTEOUS KA NO MA !!
WELCOME! WELCOME SIR WELCOME TO KA NO-MA... PLAYLAND OF THE NORTHWEST GARDEN OF GLACIAL GLEE ROMANTIC HIDEAWAY OF EVERLASTING YOUTH WELCOME!
ONE MORE WELCOME OUT OF HIM AND I'LL PUNCH HIM IN THE SNOOT!!
YOUR NAME SIR?
COMMISSIONER DOLAN AND PARTY CENTRAL CITY
DOKES DOKKEL DOOKEL
THIS MOUNTAIN REST WILL DO YA GOOD, SPIRIT! FRESH AIR GOOD FOOD
HMM SORRY SIR NO RESERVATION FOR DOLAN NEXT!
WHAT!?
BATTS MCBELFRY AN PARTY CHICAGO.
AH YES MR MCBELFRY. ROOM 314 FRONT!
NEXT!
SHH WAIT OVER THERE
MUGGSY MCSPANGLE FRISCO
REGISTER HERE
WELCOME, MR MCSPANGLE. YOUR ROOM IS 416

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I MADE THAT RESERVATION LAST WEEK!
RESERVATIONS ARE IGNORED IN THIS PLACE DOLAN! HAVE YOU NOTICED THE CLASS OF THE CLIENTELE?
SCREECHY PHIL FROM CHI TOOLY MAXIN FROM L.A. "EARS" CONKLIN IT'S A GATHERING OF EVERY SHADY FENCE IN THE COUNTRY!
BUT...
IT'S A CONVENTION A SHINDIG OF SOME SORT AND WE'RE SITTING RIGHT ON TOP OF THE WHOLE THING!
I'LL BE BACK IN A LITTLE WHILE I'M GOING TO SEE IF I CAN DIG UP A PLOT TO THIS WHOLE BUSINESS!
OK SIGH IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T ON CRUTCHES!
I'M NOT
BUT SPIRIT! DO YA THINK YA OUGHTTA TRY WALKIN SO SOON?
CALM DOWN IT'S ALL RIGHT! THE DOCTOR SAID I DIDN'T NEED THEM OH, MY LEGS ARE STRONG ENOUGH AGAIN!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST IN TIME!
BANG
BANG BANG
WELL WELL WELL!
INTERESTIN', AIN'T IT, MAC?

FRIENDS OF YOURS ?z
DEY WUS ONCE ' WOULDN T GET EXCITED ABOUT IT, THOUGH UP HERE, THERE AIN T NO COPS FOR A HUNNERT MILES, SO WE ER SORT OF MANAGE OUR OWN LAW HERE SEE?
YES I MEAN YEH I SEE ER I'M MCSPANGLE, 'FRISCO BEEN FENCING HOT JEWELRY ON THE COAST !
GLAD T KNOW YA I'M MATTY LUGER SORRY WE HAD T'MEET UNDER SECH SAD SOICUMSTANCES
SAYE·LA-GARE, AS D'FRENCH SAY
Y'SEE THEM GUYS TRIED T PASS AS ONE OF D MOB TURNED OUT DEY WUS COPS '
WOT A LAUGH ! HAW !
♪ OH MATTY.. ♫ IT'S TIME FOR YOUR ♪ SKI·ING ♫ LESSON '
HUH OH YEAH ' YEAH COMIN' RIGHT UP, FLAXEN ' SEE YA LATER, MCSPANGLE
YEAH, SURE, LUGER
DING♫ DING♫
ALL OUT FOR SKI INSTRUCTION
YAHOO
HERE WE COME !
WOW.!
2
HMM . MOST RAPID SKIING ENTHUSIASTS I'VE EVER SEEN. AND THEY RE ALL CARRYING LITTLE VALISES WHY?
IT'S THEIR ER LUNCH- IF Y'R RENTIN SKIS BUB RENT 'EM AND DON T AST NO QUESTION.'
SORRY, MCSPANGLE NO ROOM FR YOU ON DIS TRIP !
WE DON'T WANNA CROWD THINGS
SEE WHAT WE MEAN?
..AH, SIR ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR-SELF? SNIFF
BREATHE KA-NO MAS MOUNTAIN AIR ' PIXIE PLAYLAND OF THE NORTHWEST... WONDERLAND NEAR THE CANADIAN BORDER VALHALLA
GIVE ME THE KEY TO MY ROOM
COME RIGHT IN, PAL ! WE RE JES BEIN' NEIGHBORLY ! OL' MATTY LUGER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE KEPT YEZ COMPANY WHILE HE AN THE REST O' THE GUESTS WAS GONE ! Y'KNOW, SOCIAL LIKE !

REALLY? HOW NICE! OOPS PARDON ME.
BOP
HEY KNUCKLES SPEAK TO ME SAY SOMETHING
POW
HEY Y'CAN'T DO THIS TO US, MATTY LUGER WON'T LIKE IT.
SHADDAP! WE'RE KEEPIN YA COMPANY, AREN'T WE?
NOW LET'S SEE IF THEIR WALLETS PRODUCE SOMETHING!
AH LET'S ADD THESE CARDS TO OUR JIG-SAW PUZZLE
WHY THESE GUYS ARE FENCES TOO THEY'RE ALL FENCES HERE!
NOBBLEY
KNUKKLE'S GOLD-BUYING
AND THEY'RE ALL SPECIALISTS IN A GOLD-BUYING SERVICE!
YOU'RE RIGHT BY GOLLY, BUT WHY ARE ALL THESE GUYS MEETING HERE?
..SO CLOSE TO THE CANADIAN BORDER
WAIT A-MINUTE!! I GOT IT! HEY SPIRIT LOOK THOSE HOODS ARE RETURNING!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, DOLAN .. HIKE TO TOWN AND GET THE LAW I'VE GOT WORK TO DO
EVERYTHING SET?
I HAFF CONTACTED OUR MEN ACROSS ZE BORDER VE MEET AT 3 A.M
GOOD.. AND THIS TIME, FLAXEN, I THINK I'LL GO WITH YA. JUST T'MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S ON THE LEVEL HA HA!
BAH!
IT LOOKS LIKE MATTY LUGER DOESN'T TRUST YOU ANY MORE FLAXEN - OR MAYBE TONIGHT HE INTENDS TO ELIMINATE THE MIDDLEMAN!
WHAT?
PLEASE ..NO ARTILLERY! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COURIER FOR LUGER'S GOLD-SMUGGLING FENCES? YOU MUST HAVE SMUGGLED QUITE A BIT OF GOLD OVER THE CANADIAN BORDER BY NOW
WHY, YOU'RE A COP A COP!

YOU'RE SILLY LETTING YOURSELF BE HOOKED UP WITH THIS MOB— ONCE THERE'S A PAYOFF, YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR SHARE! ... LUGER IS A CROOK. REMEMBER?
ON THE OTHER HAND MAYBE I OUGHT TO LET YOU CALL LUGER — TELL HIM WHO I AM.
.. BUT THEN LUGER WILL THINK YOU ARE IN WITH THE COPS! TSK TSK I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HE DID TO GORGEOUS FLORENCE IN CHI
POW
SOME TIME LATER...
SPIRIT SPIRIT! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU WHAT HAPPENED?
TELL YOU LATER! GET MY SKIS FLAXEN MUST HAVE HEADED OUT ACROSS THE BORDER!
SO THAT'S WHERE THE DOUGH IS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DOLAN?
I CALLED THE BORDER PATROL AN HOUR AGO THEY'VE GOT THE HOUSE BOTTLED UP TIGHT, AND EVERY HOOD IN IT!
GOOD WORK, DOLAN! THEN THE ONLY THING MISSING IS FLAXEN AND THE EVIDENCE!
?
BANG
FLAXEN! WHAT WAS ALL THE SHOOTING ABOUT?
LUGER. LUGER DECIDED TO CUT ME OUT OF THE DEAL.
DON'T STAND THERE GAWKING! I'M ONLY WOUNDED HE'S HEADING INTO THE PASS!

HELLO LUGER
YAAAAAAA
AAAG
HEY SPIRIT... IS ANYTHING.. oOOOPS!
UFFFF! TRIED TO FOLLOW YOU DOGGONE WHO INVENTED THIS FOOL METHOD OF LOCOMOTION ANYHOW?!
AND A WEEK OR SO LATER ..
HAVE DADDY AND THE SPIRIT ARRIVED YET SAMMY? THEY'RE DUE ON THE NOON TRAIN BET THEY'RE IN FINE SHAPE AFTER THEIR VACATION!
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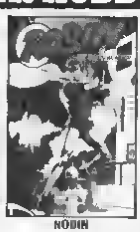

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The Prisoner of DONJON

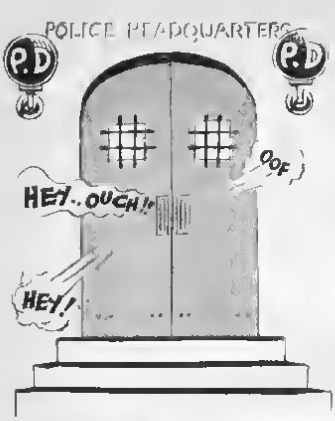
THE SPIRIT
by Will Eisner
IF ONLY THOSE BRICKS COULD TALK THE THINGS THEY'D SAY WOULD HELP BUILD BETTER PRISONS IN THE FUTURE
SIGH *GULP* WATCHIN' THE DEMOLITION OF OLD DONJON MAKES ME FEEL OLD MAKES ME REALIZE I BEEN ON THE FORCE 35 YEARS SIGH
THEY'RE TEARING DOWN OLD DONJON PRISON AND WITH ITS END AN ERA TOO CRUMBLES INTO THE DUST
TIME WAS WHEN OLD DONJON LOOMED LIKE A GREAT MONSTER ON PRISON HILL THREATENING TO SWALLOW THOSE WHO OFFENDED THE LAW
INDEED THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE BLUNDERED INTO ITS MAW NEVER TO BE SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN

?
?
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
NAW. IT'S YER IMAGINATION
S'FUNNY... I THOUGHT I HEARD MUSIC
SOMEBODY'S GOT THEIR RADIO ON LOUD
NO LOOK! THERE'S A GUY DOWN THERE AN OLD GUY PLAYIN' A HARMONICA
YEAH HE MUSTA FALLEN THROUGH!
HEY BUDDY.. YA ALL RIGHT?
I CERTAINLY AM, YOUNG MAN, AND I WISH YOU'D STOP ALL THAT RACKET UP THERE.. IT DISTURBS ME! US PRISONERS HAVE RIGHTS TOO!
PRISONER? Y'R NUTTY, PAL. EVERY CON WAS MOVED TO CENTRAL PEN LAST MONTH!
WAIT, SAM!! THIS IS PART OF THE OLD PRISON.. THAT BURNED DOWN IN THE 1911 FIRE!
WHICH MEANS HE'S BEEN HERE FOR 37 YEARS!
HOLY SMOKE! GET A COP AND SPRING THIS GUY!
NO! NO! I'M STAYIN' RIGHT HERE I'M USED TO THIS PLACE AND I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE!!

THERE HE IS OFFICER KLINK WE WERE BEGINNIN' TO EXCAVATE WHEN WE HEARD HIM PLAYIN' A HARMONICA!
C'MON, OLD TIMER GET OUT OF THERE YOU'RE FREE NOW SHOO!
SHOO YASELF, BIG BULL Y'LL NEED A COURT ORDER TO MOVE ME FROM ONE PRISON T'OTHER!
GO AWAY!
IM IN F'R 99 YEARS AN' A DAY SO FAR I ONLY SERVED HALF ME STRETCH
SLAM
ANARCHY BILL O' RIGHTS I'LL SUE THE HULL DEPARTMENT!!
HEADQUARTERS
A NICE MESS! BEEN THERE 37 YEARS, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HE'S IN FOR! WOW IF THE PAPERS EVER GET HOLD OF THIS, WE'LL ALL BE BACK ON THE BEAT IN SWAMPBUSH!
BUT SIR THERE MUST BE A RECORD OF HIS CASE ON FILE
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, KLINK, THE RECORDS BEFORE 1910 WERE BURNED IN THE FIRE OF 1911!!
THEN, COMMISSIONER DOLAN, WE CAN SET HIM FREE WE'VE GOT NOTHING ON HIM
NO WE CAN'T, EITHER... WE HAVE A MORAL DUTY. HE MIGHT BE GUILTY OF A HORRIBLE CRIME...
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME LIGIN' Y'R WIRE BASKET... FEEL NERVOUS UNLESS I'M LOOKIN' THROUGH BARS...

..AND NOW LET US VISIT THE OFFICES OF REDTAPE AND SNARL
REDTAPE & SNARL ATTORNEYS
SIGH
BANG
SNOOPING, EH? HIT HIM AGAIN, DOCKET
TEARING DOWN THE OLD DONJON PRISON :SIGH- MAKES ME THINK OF MY DAYS AS A YOUNG LAWYER...
BAM
OOF OOF!
SHOOT HIM AGAIN, DOCKET WE GOT THE LAW ON OUR SIDE WE ARE DEFENDING OUR HOUSE AND HOME...
YOUR HOUSE AND HOME WILL BE JAIL WHEN WHAT I'VE FOUND BECOMES PUBLIC!
I WAS FULL OF IDEALS AND HONEST THEN SIGH!
BANG
UNTIL I MET YOU, SNARL!! YOU MADE ME FRAME SIMON SMUDGE, AND SINCE THAT DAY 37 YEARS AGO I'VE BEEN CROOKED!
AAAAAH- STOP Y'R BLEATING WE GOT WORK FOR YOU
SNARL I'M GOING HONEST AGAIN I'M
SHADDAP! YOU AIN'T GOT NERVE ENOUGH! NOW LISTEN TO ME WE'LL DO WHAT WE DID TO SIMON SMUDGE 37 YEARS AGO WE FRAME THIS GUY WITH A "BREAKING AND ENTRY" CHARGE PLUS "ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL"
I REFUSE! THIS POOR MAN WON'T HAVE A CHANCE! WITH OUR LEGAL TRICKS
IT MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND TO LEARN THAT THIS MAN IS NONE OTHER THAN THE SPIRIT! HE WAS SNOOPING, AND DISCOVERED THE FILES ON THAT OLD FRAME YOU HANDLED!
SO YOU'D BETTER THINK TWICE IT'S EITHER YOU OR HIM...
SIGH
REDTAPE & SNARL ATTORNEYS

SIGH
REDTAPE & SNARL
CHEE, MR SNARL D'YA THINK REDTAPE LL FRAME THE SPIRIT LIKE Y'TOLD HIM?
SURE.. HEH HEH HEH WHY D'YA THINK I KEPT HIM AS MY PARTNER ALL THESE YEARS? HE'S A COWARD HE LL DO JUST AS I SAY NOW STAND GUARD HERE WHILE I TIP OFF THE COPS
AND UPSTAIRS
I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS I'M GOING TO HELP THE SPIRIT EVEN IF IT MEANS GOING TO JAIL PERHAPS I'LL ATONE FOR WHAT I DID TO OLD SMUDGE
OOOOH I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TURNED MY BACK OOOOH!
HERE, MISTER SPIRIT I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING IF YOU WISH, I'LL HELP YOU COLLECT THE EVIDENCE TOO!
THANKS REDTAPE I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET A BREAK IN COURT NOW WHERE'S THAT THUG DOCKET?
HSST HE'S ON GUARD DOWNSTAIRS
FINE
!?
TRYIN' TO SNEAK OUT, EH?
GIT BACK IN THERE!
CREAK
BANG
??
OOFFF
POW
SLAM
NOW TO EVEN A SCORE WITH SNARL BEFORE I GO TO JAIL


POLICE HEADQUARTERS
P.D
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HEY.. OUCH!
OOF
HEY!

GET OUT AND STAY OUT AND STOP COMING BACK! YOU'RE A FREE MAN
BEAT IT!!
YA CAN'T DO THIS TO ME Qu#$%!!
I WANNA STAY IN JAIL!!
UH OH.. HE DROPPED HIS GUN
THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA

AT THAT MOMENT NEARBY...
NOW TO TELL THE COPS IT WORKED ON OLD SMUDGE NO REASON FOR IT TO FAIL NOW
Qu#%& **a!!

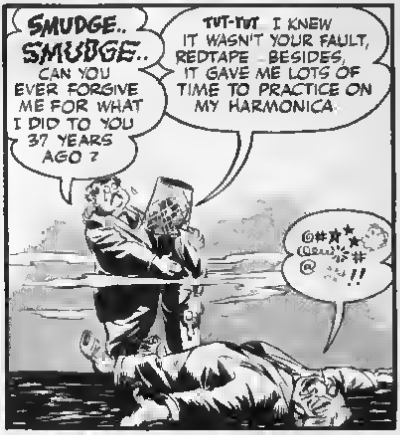
EEEEEK!

IT'S A GHOST. IT'S THE GHOST OF OLD SMUDGE!
WHY, IF IT AIN'T OLD SNARL THE MAN WHO FRAMED ME!

YA HELPED GIT ME JAILED 37 YEARS AGO NOW Y'LL HELP AGAIN!
NO NO.. DON'T SHOOT I'LL CONFESS !!

YOUR CONFESSION COMES TOO LATE, EX-PARTNER!
EEP!! ?!?
NO REDTAPE PLEASE
THE COPS WILL HAVE TO RE-ARREST ME NOW!

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG


SMUDGE.. SMUDGE.. CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT I DID TO YOU 37 YEARS AGO?
TUT-TUT I KNEW IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, REDTAPE BESIDES, IT GAVE ME LOTS OF TIME TO PRACTICE ON MY HARMONICA
@#★$ (Wail) %# @ !!

POLICE HEADQUARTERS
BUT WHAT ARE YOU GRUMBLING ABOUT, DOLAN? I GOT THIS THUG TO REVEAL THE REDTAPE AND SNARL SETUP, PLUS THEIR 37-YEAR OLD FRAME OF SMUDGE, THE CON YOU UNCOVERED IN THE RUINS
THAT'S JUST IT!! NOW THE PAPERS WILL HAVE A WILD TIME WITH A STORY OF HOW WE KEPT AN INNOCENT MAN IN JAIL FOR 37 YEARS! OOOoH
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT WE'VE JUST MURDERED A MAN
YAAAAAA THOUGHT Y'COULD KEEP ME OUT EH, WISE GUYS?
NO NO I WON'T LOOK I CAN'T LOOK
OOOH I'M DYIN'
LOOK, SMUDGE YOU DIDN'T KILL SNARL HE'S FULLY RECOVERED SEE? YOU'RE FREE DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!
NO I'M NOT.. ME LAWYER REDTAPE SAYS YA GOTTA KEEP ME ON "ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL" AND "CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON"!!
YES AND I WON'T MAKE ANY CHARGES
POLICE DEPT
NOW COMMISSIONER SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHEN THESE HEADACHES FIRST BEGAN
WELL IT ALL STARTED WITH A MAN WHO REFUSED TO LEAVE OUR JAIL.. OOOOH MY ACHIN' HEAD

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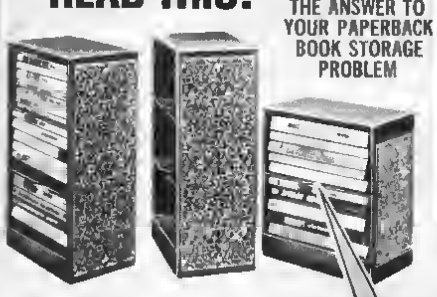

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SPIRIT
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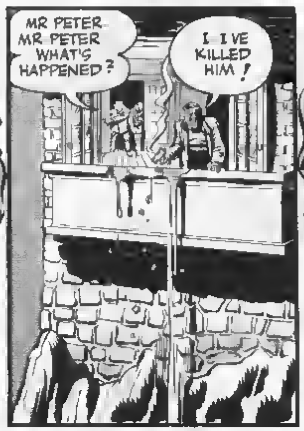
BY WILL EISNER
BEFORE I BEGIN MY STORY I WANT YOU TO EXAMINE US VERY CLOSELY
AS YOU CAN SEE WE'RE IDENTICAL TWINS EXCEPT FOR THE COLOR OF OUR HAIR AND OUR AGE PETER WAS TWO HOURS OLDER THAN I, AND WOULD INHERIT THE FAMILY FORTUNE
IT WAS THIS SIMPLE FACT THAT LED ME TO COMMIT A BLOODLESS MURDER!
MURDER, ... BLOODLESS TYPE!!

My twin Peter was a stuffy, good natured fool who curried father's favor by working hard and pinching pennies
Me?? **HA.** I preferred a gay life fast and exciting and the old goat didn't like that!!
Well, father died and naturally left all his money in Peter's hands
I wanted that money... I paid a visit to Peter at the mansion **AND THEN BEGAN THE SERIES OF EVENTS**



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER THE POLICE ARRIVED SUMMONED BY THE TERRIFIED SERVANTS
SHOT HIM, YOU SAY? WHERE'S THE BODY?
HE— HE FELL THROUGH THE WINDOW
HMM QUITE A DROP
THERE'S NO POINT LOOKING FOR THE BODY SIR THE CURRENT'S SO SWIFT HE'D BE WASHED OUT TO SEA IN A FEW SECONDS
HERE'S HIS COAT— CAUGHT ON THE ROCKS BULLET MUST'VE GOT HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART.
THE BLOOD ON THIS COAT IS RALPH GRIMM'S, ALL RIGHT.
STILL... I SEE NO MOTIVE..
SURE THERE'S PLENTY! THE SERVANTS HEARD HIM THREATEN TO KILL RALPH OVER THE INHERITANCE
WHY LOOK AT THIS WILL... IT GIVES EVERYTHING TO PETER'S ADMINISTRATION
I KILLED HIM..
I KILLED HIM!
NOW GET IT OVER WITH..
I'D FEEL BETTER ABOUT THIS IF I COULD FIND THE BODY..
OH, STOP MUMBLING.. IT'S AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE.
AND SO
THE COURT PRONOUNCES YOU GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND SENTENCES YOU TO PAY THE DEATH PENALTY PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE.
CENTRAL CITY STAR
TWIN GUILTY IN SLAYING
FIRST DEGREE

You see I'm not dead at all HAHAHA and Peter's going to burn for my murder just as I planned
It's perfect with Peter out of the way I can turn up later on play dumb . and collect my inheritance
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT UNTIL THE FOOL IS DEAD HAHAHAHAHAHA
THE COPS DO MY KILLING FOR ME!
HA
MEANWHILE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME
ARE YOU STILL HERE? DON'T TELL ME YOU AREN'T CONVINCED THAT PETER SHOT RALPH!
DOLAN I'VE GOT A NEW ANGLE A MAN COULD FALL FROM THIS CLIFF, AND SURVIVE THERE'S A NATURAL POOL AT THE BASE OF THOSE ROCKS WHERE THE STRONG CURRENT STOPS
MAYBE RALPH WAS ONLY WOUNDED MAYBE THE CURRENT DIDN'T CARRY HIS BODY OFF MAYBE HE JUST FLOATED TO THAT POOL GOT UP AND WALKED OFF!
WOW! WHAT A COCKEYED THEORY ONLY WAY Y'COULD PROVE THAT IS TO JUMP IN Y'SELF HA HA HA
GOOD IDEA!
HEY...I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU.. NO, NO, Y'DOPE!
@#★!! DON'T JUST STAND HERE, EBONY LET'S GET DOWN THERE AND PULL THAT BIG LUNK OUT!
SPLASH

A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE EDGE OF THE POOL TWO VERY FRIGHTENED PEOPLE SIGH WITH RELIEF AS THE SPIRIT EMERGES
SEE, DOLAN? IT WAS SIMPLE FOR RALPH GRIMM TO JUMP INTO THAT POOL AND SWIM TO SAFETY
?
GOLLY HE'S OK!
...AND... LOOK IN THE SAND FOOTPRINTS!
WELL, I'LL BE
THAT MEANS WE'RE EXECUTING AN INNOCENT MAN! BY GOLLY I'LL GET ON THE PHONE AND CALL THE GOVERNOR
NO WAIT LET ME HANDLE IT MY WAY, AND I'LL BRING IN RALPH!
AND SO, AT THE PRISON... A FEW MINUTES LATER
I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU, PETER YOU SAY YOU KILLED YOUR BROTHER WHY?
I I DON'T KNOW I JUST MEANT TO SCARE HIM AND THEN
WHY DO YOU KEEP QUESTIONING ME I ADMITTED I KILLED HIM ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
OK OK LET THAT DROP FOR A MINUTE NOW TELL ME, DO YOU RECALL ANY SECRET HIDEOUTS NEAR YOUR HOUSE YOU AND YOUR BROTHER HAD WHEN YOU WERE KIDS?
OH YES WE HAD A CAVE THE PIRATE'S DEN WE CALLED IT
HOW DO YOU GET THERE?
IT'S... IT'S I CAN'T REMEMBER
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD FIND IT?
OH SURE I GUESS SO
GOOD!
BECAUSE I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR BROTHER IS ALIVE AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME FIND HIM

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, LADY YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!
'TIS ONLY SERGEANT O'FLANAGAN'S OULD MITHER, COME T'BRING A CUP OF SOUP TO ME POOR BOY
SURE AN YE'RE THE LIVIN' IMAGE O' THE SERGEANT, MAAM MAY I ESCORT YE?
OH, THANK YOU, OFFICER
OOF
SORRY GILHOOLY BUT IT'S NECESSARY
?
QUICK GET IN! THERE ARE CLOTHES FOR YOU IN THE BACK
ONE HOUR LATER
HERE IT IS SHHHH
RALPH.. ALIVE!
SO IT'S TRUE YOU PLANNED THIS TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY
YOU WOULD HAVE LET THEM EXECUTE ME!
AND I'LL STILL SUCCEED YOU'RE AN ESCAPED CONVICT THE COPS'LL PICK YOU UP ANY MINUTE!
THAT'S A CONFEGGION GRIMM I'M TAKING YOU IN
OH NO YOU DON'T!
BANG
DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW ME I WARN YOU!

THIS WAY..
FOLLOW GILHOOLY MEN HE TRAILED THE KILLER HERE
WHAT'S THAT ?
THE COPS THEY'VE DISCOVERED YOUR ESCAPE STAY HERE I'LL GO AFTER RALPH
RALPH YOU FOOL! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE POLICE!!
THERE HE IS!
STOP YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN.
IT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT I'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE
BETTER GIVE UP GRIMM
KEEP BACK..
I WARNED YOU
GOT TO STOP HIM ..OOoooOH MY ARM
BANG
BANG
¡@m*#!! RETURN THE FIRE, MEN
HE'S KILLED OFFICER MULDOON
TOO LATE TOO LATE
RA-TA-TAT
IT'S SIMPLE GOVERNOR THE MURDERED MAN WAS REALLY THE KILLER HE TRIED TO SHOOT IT OUT WITH US AFTER THE INNOCENT MAN ESCAPED SEE?
HMM YES OF COURSE RALPH WAS REALLY NOT DEAD BUT HE NOW HM I DON'T GET IT!

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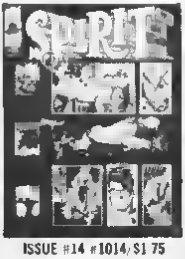

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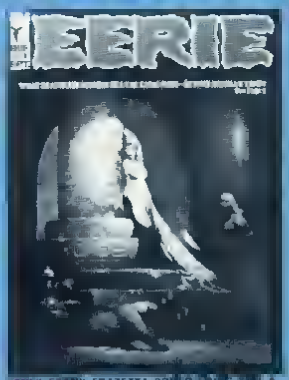

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